



SUMMER DAYS . . . Temperatures soared in Torrance this past week, sending thousands of youngsters in search of cooling pools and beaches. Press-



Herald photographer Hal Fisher captured some of the scenes to tell the story of the hot, lazy days. At left, Mike Gompert, 20, a life guard at the Torrance

plunge, shouts to youngsters in the pool, while in the picture at the right, Sue Scholle, a South High student, finds herself the center of attention for Den-



nis Rumrill (left) and Lee Hamilton. Scene at center shows part of the weekday crowd which fled to the sand and surf. (Press-Herald Photos)

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FIRE NEXT DOOR . . . Firemen at Torrance's Central Fire Station grabbed their hats and equipment and went "next door" just after 10 a.m. to battle a fire at the new Torrance Post Office, now under construction at Crenshaw Boulevard and Monterey Street. Bn. Chief Charles Reintsma said the fire apparently started when a hot tar pot tipped over and ignited tar paper on the roof. Damage was estimated at about \$3,000. The burning tar sent columns of black smoke into the air. (Press-Herald Photo)

Post, Reeves to Direct Chamber Expansion Plan

George W. Post and Arthur L. Reeves, past presidents of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, have been named as co-chairmen of the chamber's "Keep Pace with Opportunity" program. Post and Reeves were named by Chamber President Bruce Jones following a meeting of the board of directors. At that meeting, directors adopted a formal statement to citizens of the city and surrounding areas, outlining the objectives of the program and urging all segments of the community to cooperate in the major expansion and development program. Lloyd A. Wilson, a nationally known specialist in community development problems, will work with Post and Reeves in planning the chamber's program.

A CITIZENS' advisory committee will be organized shortly, Jones said. During the next three weeks, representatives of the chamber will meet with service clubs, homeowners groups, and other organizations for a series of program-building conferences. "Do you believe we are doing all we should do for ourselves and our future here?" Jones asked in his statement. He also questioned whether

School Bond Sale Approved

County Supervisors have authorized the sale of \$1 million in construction bonds for the Torrance Unified School District, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced.

businessmen, industry, and civic leaders "have been missing some good opportunities" because of oversight and neglect. "Your Chamber of Commerce, through the board of directors and several committees, has faced these questions and we believe the time has come when all civic-minded citizens must give their best thoughts to these matters," the statement continued. "Details of the program will be revealed through progress reports," Jones concluded.

REPORT FROM EUROPE

Germany Now Europe's Economic Giant

(Editor's Note! This is the second in a series of reports which Torrance Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., now vacationing in Europe, will write for the Press-Herald. Sciarrotta, a professor of political science at Long Beach City College, writes today from Germany.)

By ROSS A. SCIARROTTA, SR. HEIDELBERG—Heidelberg is the headquarters for our United States Army in Germany. This city is bursting with business activity. The stores are literally jammed with shoppers and, unlike Paris, you do not find as many Americans here. This leads me to wonder what would happen to the economy of France if the American tourist stayed out of France.

There is a shortage of German labor in most of Germany. You find many Italians, Greeks, and Spaniards here who have come to take jobs which require less skill and pay smaller wages. The Germans are very thankful for this prosperity and certainly feel grateful toward the United States for the part it played in bringing this about. The election is under way already. Willy Brandt, the Social Democratic leader, is making a strong bid against Chancellor Ludwig Erhard for the Chancellorship of Germany. Brandt has been quoted as saying that if he becomes Chancellor of West Germany he will start a "dialogue" with the Soviet Union on a German peace settlement. He is emphasizing that

Bonn should conduct negotiations directly with Moscow, rather than leave them to the United States, Britain, and France. Such negotiations, he declared, would be started only after consultations with other West German parties and with the approval of Bonn's allies. He feels that although "Germany has become an economic giant, it has remained a political dwarf." The German people are well informed and many of them speak English fluently. I spoke at length with a professor whom I knew as an exchange instructor in the Long Beach Schools, on the subject of reunification of Germany. It is his belief that most of the German people in West Germany, as well as those in East Germany, want

Germany reunified. They feel they have waited for 20 years for some sort of settlement and none has been made. The Germans feel that they have been patient enough. How long this patience will endure no one knows. Most Germans feel that the settlement of the German issue is the most critical one in the Cold War. They tactfully hint that America seems to be more concerned with Viet Nam than with the German problem. Some go so far as to say that if another war should erupt in Europe, over the reunification of Germany, Germany will be blamed once more for starting a world war.

According to their point of view, they really didn't cause either one of the two world wars. (Continued on Page A-2)

For State College County Group Endorses Site

Directors of County Sanitation District No. 5 have adopted a resolution expressing support for location of Palos Verdes State College on a site near Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. The directors acted Wednesday afternoon following a presentation by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen and Lynn Frantz, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the State College.

Meanwhile, Torrance is continuing to gather material for a report on the proposed site. The report will be filed with the State College Board of Trustees when it has been completed, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier told the Press-Herald Friday.

SANITATION District No. 5 owns about 130 acres of landfill area on Crenshaw Boulevard. The area has been included as part of a bluffside site for the college.

Action on a similar resolution was postponed by directors of Sanitation District No. 2, which operates the landfill area under contract with District No. 5. They will consider the resolution Aug. 25.

Directors of District No. 5 previously agreed to use the land for park and recreation purposes when landfill operations are completed. That agreement brought opposition to the resolution from representatives of Rolling Hills Estates and Rolling Hills. Spokesmen for both cities want the area used for a golf course.

OPPOSING the resolution in the 9-6 vote were representatives of El Segundo, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates.

Directors said they would look "with favor on the use of the landfill property as a college campus after the district's filling operations have been completed."

Trustees of the State colleges currently are studying several possible sites for the college. Among them are two Dominguez area locations, a site in San Pedro, and one in Playa del Rey, in addition to the new Peninsula site.

A decision on a permanent campus location is expected about the first of next year.



ALAN CRANSTON To Speak Here

Cranston To Speak At Dinner

"California: Our Last Golden Chance" will be the theme of an address by State Controller Alan Cranston Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Hwy. Cranston, a native Californian whose mother, as a child, used to slide down the banister in Lincoln Steffans' great Sacramento home, will discuss why he believes California must become "the

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Coin Collection Worth \$5,000 Taken by Thief

North Torrance House Entered

Theft of a coin collection valued at more than \$5,000 from a North Torrance home was reported to Torrance Police early yesterday.

Mrs. Richard Szabo, 16617 Ermanita Ave., reported the theft shortly after 3 a.m. The theft is believed to have occurred about a week ago while the Szabo family was on vacation.

Police investigating the report said a screwdriver apparently had been used to pry open a locked door. Nothing else was taken in the burglary.

The collection of United States and foreign coins is worth \$5,000 or more, Mrs. Szabo told the Press-Herald.

FOUR OTHER burglaries were reported to police by Torrance area residents.

Donald Lee Moses, 19, of 23805 Arlington Ave., reported the theft of a four-speed transmission from his car early Friday. Police said the thieves apparently used bolt cutters to enter the locked garage area, then removed the transmission from the

late-model automobile. It was valued at \$300.

John W. Hansen, 33, of 17801 Florwood Ave., reported \$20 in coins and a transistor radio stolen from his home. The thief also picked up a piggy bank containing an unknown amount of money.

WOULD-BE thieves — all believed to be between 15 and 17 years of age — were frightened away from a car parked near Torrance Beach about 12:45 Friday afternoon. Jim North, 22, of 21408 Calle Mayor, told officers the youths apparently were after a stereo tape recorder in his car. An alarm system connected to the car doors frightened the youths, North told officers.

Another sunbather returned to her home at 17016 Yukon Ave. Friday to find her wallet missing. Nancy Corning, 34, told police her driver's license and identification cards were in the wallet. The thief, who apparently walked through an unlocked door, also took 18 books of trading stamps.

Gunshot Wound Treated

Edward Ross, 21, of 29712 Budlong Ave., was treated for a gunshot wound at Little Company of Mary Hospital early Saturday. Ross was shot in the lower leg near 100th Street and Vermont Avenue as rioting continued in the South and Central Los Angeles areas. Torrance Police have remained on stand-by since the rioting first erupted. At least 16 persons had been killed as National Guard troops moved into the area in an attempt to restore order early yesterday.

National Guard Called

Members of the 40th Armored Division of the California National Guard were ordered into the South and Central Los Angeles areas Friday evening to control rioting and looting. The division includes the 132nd Engineers, a Southwest area company. Officers in Torrance and at the Manhattan Beach headquarters refused comment when asked if local units had been ordered into the riot area. The 40th Armored Division was due to leave yesterday for its annual two-week summer training period.

Council, Board to Meet

Both the Torrance Board of Education and the City Council will face routine agendas when they convene this week for regular meetings. School trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Councilmen have scheduled their weekly session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.